

PROJECT FACTSHEET

Improving the Integrity of Processes of Establishing Medicine Lists

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The "Right to Medicine" is driven by a commitment to integrity, openness, and incorporating patients' needs in establishing the publicly funded lists of medicines in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The procedures regulating the selection of medicines financed from public funds are not precise and clear at the moment, and the selection process itself is non-transparent and does not provide public insight into the way the list of medicines is created. This situation results in unequal access to health services for patients, leading to inequitable outcomes and creating additional burdens for patients and their families.

Supported by Switzerland, Roche, and the Association of Innovative Drug Manufacturers in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Right to Medicine project seeks to improve the process of creating publicly funded medicines lists by focusing on clear regulations, transparency, openness, and inclusiveness. It empowers all relevant stakeholders, including patient associations and health institutions, to engage in decision-making, streamline health policies, and find patient-centered solutions. Increasing patients' awareness and the capacity of patient associations to represent their common interests will enable effective participation in decision-making regarding lists of medicines. Patient representatives across the country are seeking for transparency, integrity, and accountability of these processes.

The project team works jointly with all relevant stakeholders to find solutions for optimal budget increases and reallocations for medicines in order to improve access to quality therapies for patients. Trust in the regulatory process can be built through its transparency and fair inclusion of medicines on the lists. Adhering to these principles safeguards public health, ensuring that medical resources are allocated efficiently and based on the real needs of patients.

PROJECT IN BRIEF

NAME:

Improving the Integrity of Processes of Establishing Medicine Lists in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)

DOMAIN: Health

LAND / REGION:

BiH (Federation of BiH, Republika Srpska, Brčko District)

PARTNERS:

Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, Roche Ltd., Association of Innovative Drug Producers in BiH

PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The goal of the project is to contribute to the improvement of access to effective and safe medicines for the population of BiH. The lists of medicines that are reimbursed from health care funds will contain medicines that have been selected on the basis of clear criteria while respecting the principles of transparency, openness and inclusion, which will be a guarantee of integrity of this process.

BUDGET:

BAM 880,971.00 (co-financing SDC, Roche, Association of Innovative Drug Producers in BiH)

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